

Hello my name is Jaysie Nyshia Sheppard and I am grateful to have the opportunity to present my voice on this matter . I am a Bride to Christ and a mother of 3 beautiful kids. For the past 4 years I have been a full time Chaplain Minister working at private schools to provide for my family. I have great discipline and care for hard work, in which I received this skill from playing professional basketball in the WNBA and overseas. I moved from Arizona to Alabama trusting God, that the love in Alabama will be a place we can heal from a terrible divorce. I am happy to say that is exactly what has been happening. I currently work as an Chaplain/Bible teacher here in Moody, AL and live locally in the Windsor Parkway Neighborhood. We want to stay in the community of friends we have grown to love here. Buying a home will provide a place to have a dynasty for my family and traditions that bring a long legacy of love, kindness, gentleness, peace, patience, self control, and joy. I believe this should be an opportunity for every family in America., but it is not. I have a teacher salary, low debt, an African American woman that is turned down by every bank because we are not enough of what they require. This has been a system I have seen the majority of my life being African American. I saw my parents struggle with a family of 5 and two incomes coming in but also turned down or not given enough equally amount money for loans to black families. We now have it worse than the 90's because the economy see's that our lack of not being able to buy has given inventors to make more money off of us so we can forever rent. These investors buy homes within our communities and all family communities to get rich off of the system of keeping us from never owning a home. I remember playing basketball overseas representing America, and representing even the smallest of my hometown growing up yet I had a better chance to own a home in Germany and in Greece, and in Austria than I do here in my own country. I know 40 acres and mule sounds quite a lot now, but what if we were actually allowed that and our families would be able to live without being homeless and of fear of not being able to pay rent. Poverty would be low, prison cells empty and the economic working class up at high rise within the black community and in our country. This has been a slave system within our community and it has to stop and I pray you hear our voice for the change today.

I would like to give you our **Family Mission Statement:** The Sheppard family is loving, caring, sharing, funny, and always has our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank again for the opportunity to possibly purchase a home one day soon.

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"For with God nothing shall be impossible" Luke 1:37